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THE APPOINTMENTS.

The appointments to places in the new administration, which have been awaited with interest as the first index as to the kind of administration South Bend is to expect under the citizens' auspices, is on the whole disappointing.

The men named do not measure up as strong as was to be expected from the material at hand.

Perhaps in a movement as heterogeneous as the citizens' party, and including so many factions, it was to be expected that each name as proposed would meet warm criticism from those of Mr. Keller's advisors who belonged to some other faction, until at the end the strongest men in each faction were eliminated and those only remained against whom there was little to be said.

It is a question whether the citizens' party has put its best foot forward.

The selection of Seebirt as city attorney is a good one, however. Seebirt is a good lawyer, and his appointment is a fitting recognition to the old line republicans who helped the citizens' party victory.

Manning's appointment as controller may not arouse wide enthusiasm, but Manning will doubtless make a good official. His training at the Chamber of Commerce should give him a good knowledge of men and measures, and of the duties of the office.

Rice is active in civic movements and acquainted with the city's needs. Weber is an honest, earnest business man. Morris, however, must have been named purely for political reasons and the whole board looks rather weak as a result, considering the importance of its duties.

Augustine on the safety board is a substantial citizen, as are Smogor and Sen. Hibberd, but it isn't hard to forecast that the personnel of the board will not awaken any general acclaim.

Mayor-Elect Keller, however, has done a wise thing to include on his health board a woman, Miss Monica Makieliski, and especially one with Miss Makieliski's first hand knowledge of conditions in South Bend as to health and sanitation. The physicians chosen with her on the board are men interested in matters of public health and should give good service.

One general criticism that the appointments will meet is that Mayor-Elect Keller seems to have overlooked the spirit of the law requiring bi-partisan membership of the safety and public works boards. With the possible exception of Smogor all of them were active members of the citizens' party at the last campaign.

AN AMERICAN INSURRECTION.

The unusual spectacle of American citizens in insurrection against legal authority is witnessed at Calumet, Mich., where 18,000 people paraded the town and passed resolutions charging the courts and prosecutors with contributing to the crime and disorder resulting from the protracted strike in the mines.

The demonstration was made under the direction of the Citizens' alliance, an organization of business men and citizens not associated with the mining industry whose interests have been demoralized by the protracted strike and whose lives and property are jeopardized by the prevailing lawlessness.

A condition almost amounting to anarchy prevails. The circuit court is declared to have failed to protect the public welfare and the justices' courts are accused of having inflicted inadequate punishments for violations of the law and accepted inadequate bail. The inference is that the courts and the prosecuting attorney are playing the miners as favorites for political effect.

It is claimed the assistant prosecutor has sufficient evidence to indict every strike leader in the district and the resolutions adopted by the alliance ask the governor to remove the prosecutor and put the assistant prosecutor in his place. By this means, it is urged, crime may be stopped and order restored. The alliance made no attempt to interfere between the strikers and the mine operators, but sought only to suppress lawlessness and protect life and property.

The situation in Calumet and vicinity seemed to justify the uprising of the people. A number of murders have been committed and general lawlessness prevails.

TRUST LEGISLATION.

With the tariff disposed of and currency legislation approaching consummation the president has turned his attention to the trusts. His object is to draw definite lines between reasonable and unreasonable competition and relieve the courts of the burden of construing laws which are enveloped in an expansive twilight zone.

The legislation desired will define the various forms of monopoly and restraint of trade which would be conclusively deemed unreasonable and in violation of law, it will place the burden of proof upon the defendant, prohibit interlocking directorates and establish an interstate trade commis-

sion. It will be based upon the lines of the Lenroot-LaFollette bill and the Newlands interstate trade commission bill.

The general principles of these bills harmonize with Pres. Wilson's policy toward the trusts, which is designed to supply the deficiencies of the Sherman anti-trust law. Whether as now drawn they will be regarded as amply covering the ground will be determined by conferences with the attorney-general and members of the senate and house, which have been in progress for several weeks and will be continued until the proposed legislation is framed to the satisfaction of the president.

It is hoped to have a law passed that will take the joker out of trust prosecutions and accomplish something more than changing the form without altering the character of monopolistic trusts; in other words, to so regulate and control big business that it will not be a menace to small business, and to check the prevailing tendency to centralization.

Pres. Wilson is sincere in his desire to accomplish something along this line that will have a permanent restraining influence on trusts and reduce them to a reasonable basis without depending upon the varying constructions placed by courts on what is reasonable and what is not.

DISTRIBUTION OF ROAD FUNDS.

Under the new automobile tax law it is estimated that \$250,000, less the cost of administration, will be distributed among the counties of the state.

The law provides that the fund shall be divided into three equal installments. The first is to be shared equally by the counties, the second is to be divided in proportion to the number of miles of gravel roads in each county, and the third division will be based on the number of automobiles in each.

The first impression is that inequalities are inevitable under the plan of distribution. For example on the first division Brown county, with one automobile and two motorcycles, will receive as much as St. Joseph county with its hundreds of machines. On the second there is an apparent inconsistency giving the largest shares to the counties having the greatest number of miles of gravel roads, and again on the third, as though with a view to equalization, the division is made on the basis of the number of automobiles and motorcycles.

The purpose of the tax on motor vehicles being the creation of a fund for the construction and maintenance of roads it would appear that a better plan would be a distribution based on the road needs of the several counties. On the contrary the law discriminates against counties having poor roads and in favor of those registering the larger number of machines.

Automobiles being vehicles of wide range the state plan of road building should correspond. The money should be expended where it is most needed.

Gov. Dunne has declared his opposition to the teaching of sex hygiene in the Illinois state university. If this study is to be barred from the schools where is it to be taught? Experience shows that parents cannot be depended upon to properly instruct their children.

Among other things on his program Pres. Wilson has introduced the subject of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines. At present it will take the form of an inquiry as to the feasibility and future action will depend on the result.

Count Von Buelow's new book tells of the friendly relations between the United States and Germany, but that does not explain those boycotts on our pork.

Can you imagine a suspension of hostilities in Mexico while a presidential election is being held? Probably not, but occasionally it is the unexpected which happens.

The downtrodden railroads of the east are showing figures to prove that they need higher freight rates. Figures won't lie, they say, but are capable of wonderful deception.

The late Adolph Busch was born of parents in humble circumstances. The obstetrical cost at his birth probably did not exceed \$10. But it cost \$16,260 to bury him.

The Children's dispensary is reaching the hearts of the people and as the heart-strings and purse strings are tied together the babies' fund is steadily growing.

It may be assumed that tuberculosis germs possess the sense of smell since garlic is found to be one of the best remedies.

Sen. Root has been crowned peace champion for 1912 by the Nobel institute. It should be understood this has nothing to do with politics.

STATESMEN, REAL AND NEAR.

BY FRED C. KELLY.

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William Jennings Bryan is a man who can eat choice food with relish, and with much apparent relish, at almost any time or place. One would have to make a thorough search to find a more hearty impromptu eater than the present secretary of state. He can eat or let it alone, of course, but the odds are usually heavily in favor of his deciding not to let it alone.

The Bryans are invited out for dinner rather frequently. A fashionable dinner in Washington is not served until between 7 and 8 o'clock, or later, whereas the ordinary family dinner will fall around half past six. This seems to Mr. Bryan a grand little arrangement, as one can go home and eat dinner at the usual time and then have an appetite for the next day's dinner since they came to Washington. Mrs. Bryan has been endeavoring to persuade the secretary of state to omit the home dinner when they're invited out, declaring that one owes it to one's hostess to sit down to a dinner with a good pliant appetite. Mr. Bryan readily concedes that she is exactly right about the last part. By all means one should be gastronomically fit to sit in judgment on the merit of each course his hostess places before him. And that is why he likes to eat a substantial dinner at home before he starts out. The first dinner seems to sharpen his appreciation for the second. He really seems to have the better side of the argument, for indeed there has been no serious complaint of his hurting the feelings of his hostess by failing to eat what is set before him or even of behaving like a canary bird. He may turn down his goblet when they serve the wine, but he accepts everything else with a quiet satisfaction that cannot fail to please.

When Mr. Bryan goes a-marketing, as he does occasionally, he is certain to see a great many things that look appealing and appetizing. At such times he is just like a boy with a sack of candy; he is not disposed to turn out some time off in the future to taste of the good things at hand. If he buys a quantity of cheese, for example, he usually reserves a comfortable slice of the purchase for himself to eat it on the spot. Sometimes he may be seen going about from stall to stall, nibbling with great informality at cheese, apples, radishes, raw turnips and one thing and another, until one might think he wouldn't care for a bite of dinner. But there is where one would guess wrong.

Nearly every noon Mr. Bryan finds himself too busy to go out to lunch, and eats right in the state department. To start with he will consume a quantity of pickled lamb's tongue. He keeps this near his desk at all times for emergencies. The rest of the lunch consists of cheese, crackers, milk and two bananas. That layout seldom varies.

Charles F. Hamlin, assistant secretary of the treasury, was recently the victim of a neat little joke played on him by circumstances. He learned that the first stage of the joke consisted simply in a friend happening in and inviting Hamlin out to see some high grade moving picture shows.

"No," said Hamlin with a decisive shake of his head, "that's the one thing I have resolved not to do. I'm never going to look at any more moving pictures. It isn't your understanding, that I feel myself above looking at moving pictures, but I've tried it and somehow I find that form of entertainment an awful bore. We all have to do a lot of things in this life that we don't care about, but I'm not going to have the satisfaction of dodging moving picture exhibitions."

Within two hours after Hamlin had thus expressed himself a strange thing occurred. He learned that one of his assistants that under the new tariff act only those moving picture films which are thoroughly moral in character may be imported, and the treasury department is designated to determine the morality of all films brought in. Inasmuch as Hamlin's branch of the treasury department is the one that has charge of custom matters, it is going to be up to him. He now has night-mareish visions of spending hours each day looking at miles of films—perfectly moral films, perhaps, that it will be no fun at all to look at.

What makes it all the more disheartening is the fact that Hamlin is worth a ton of money and just took his present job for the honor and sport of the thing. It is said that his salary just about pays his house rent. But if he is going to have to spend his time looking at movie films, he would just about as soon take a job as book agent.

Another joke on Hamlin is this: When he was in the same job that he now occupies under the Cleveland administration he issued a lot of official orders in regard to ways and means of enforcing certain tariff regulations. On his return after the twenty-year absence, one of Hamlin's first acts was to abolish a lot of antiquated orders that had been followed no one knew how long.

"Who issued such rules as these rules, anyhow?" he asked. And in order to make this little joke come out right, it was fortunate that there was a chorus of cries of "You! You!"

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TOSH WISE Says:



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BRALEY'S POEM TODAY



TABOO.

You mustn't make fun of the Irish.
You mustn't get fresh with the Jew,
There's always a fuss if you jest at the Russ,
And to jape at the Dutch is taboo,
You mustn't play jokes on the English,
For they are a haughty clan—
But here is a mutt who's a good-natured butt,
The Patient Amer-i-can!

Hands off of the polyglot races;
You mustn't offend them at all,
For they fly in a rage when burliesqued on the stage
And threaten to burn down the hall;
So dare not to laugh at the German,
The Swede or I-tal-i-an,
But laugh all you like at this good-natured Ike,
The Patient Amer-i-can!

He doesn't get choked up with cholera,
But cheerfully shells out his pelf
To pay for some play where they prove him a jay
And bid him to laugh at himself;
He'd joke at his grave if fate let him,
And yet—if you're needing a man—
A regular friend who will stick to the end,
You try the Amer-i-can!

—BERTON BRALEY.

THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

EVERY time a Nobel peace prize or a Carnegie hero prize is awarded we wonder how the decision was reached and the discrimination with which in our opinion former Pres. Taft was much more entitled to the Nobel prize than Sen. Root.

NOT the least evidence of Pres. Wilson's conception of the eternal fitness of things was the appointment of Mr. Garrison secretary of war. What would war be without a garrison.

THE fatted calf was not killed to make a feast for president's day at Notre Dame, but loins from Bro. Leo's prize steer made the guests for the chicken.

We Await Developments.

(Columbia City Post.)

One of the latest stories in circulation is to the effect that "Deceitful Nights" in the nude is not appreciated, and that a certain young married man who has been guilty of failure to pull down the blind, after stripping stark naked, in an effort to scratch himself or hunt for vermin that were common back in the days of '61, will find a rock fired through the window, if it occurs again. It is asserted that this has occurred several times in the last few weeks, and that one woman would have filed an affidavit had it not been for the attendant publicity. Male relatives have taken the matter up, and are getting ready to take startling measures.

SIR—I could tell Officer Parker something to help him reduce his waist line and help the view at Washington and Michigan sts. It helped me. A RE-FORMED WOMAN.

A Four-Piece Orchestra.

(Lafayette Courier.)

Pupils of Professor Alfred E. Viol and Miss Marie Viol gave a violin recital last evening at the Viol home.

IF you are holding New Haven stock it may help you this year with your income tax. For the first time in 40 years a dividend has been passed. But I'm not sure that some of the earnings are to be expended for betterments?

THE statement that an Indianapolis pool room was held up and robbed of the day's receipts, \$3,500, and a lot of diamonds causes us to wonder whether it was 15-ball, cowboy, Kelly or the other kind.

It Keeps Everybody Guessing.

(Gary Tribune.)

One of the most popular games in

SECOND YEAR OF MARRIED LIFE.

BY MABEL HERBERT URNER.

"You think what?" Warren put down his cup and glared across the table. Helen's mother had finished and they were alone.

"I think I shall take Winifred and go home with mother for a visit," Helen repeated, quietly.

"And when did you decide on that?" "Last night, when you left me alone on the street."

"Oh, I see," and he resumed his breakfast in grim silence. It was this silence that always disconcerted Helen. Whatever the circumstances it always made her feel that she was in the wrong.

"Since we find it so difficult to get along together, don't you think that for me to go away for a while might be best for us both?"

"Suppose your mother suggested this?" "Mother invited me to go home with her. Why shouldn't she? Is there anything unusual in that? I haven't been home since we married."

Again the grim silence. "Surely, Warren, when we've reached the point where you get in such a rage that you walk off and leave me alone on the street, don't you think it's time we were separated for a while?"

"Oh, that's it, is it? You are still hating on that? So this is just a clever ruse to make me do penance for last night? Well, you'll find it won't work."

"You know very well it is nothing of the kind. Mother asked me several days ago to go home with her. I hadn't spoken to you about it because I was not decided. Last night helped me to decide. That's all. And I shouldn't think it would matter much to you since you spend most of your evenings out, anyway."

"Della can look after the apartment and give you your meals. They are about all you are home for now."

"Never mind about the meals; I'll get them down town."

Helen started. She had not thought of that. "Oh, I wouldn't—hotel and restaurant food never agrees with you. It would be much better to have them here."

"Now, look here, you've planned this trip to suit yourself. But don't think for a minute you're going to manage things for me here. I'll take my meals wherever I please. And I tell you right here, that your wanting to manage everything is one of the things I've grown pretty tired of."

Gary is that annual guessing contest in which we try to figure out who has been indicted by the grand jury before the warrants are served.

INDIANA produced \$5,000,000 worth more coal in 1912 than in 1911, but perhaps the difference was due to increase in price rather than increase in product.

READING over the letters to Santa Claus one is given the impression that children are very much like other people with respect to the relative size of their wants and resources.

THE man who has been out of work all summer because he did not want it cannot appreciate the position of the man who is out of work because he cannot get it.

Havatha at the Bridge. (Logansport Pharos-Reporter.)

Lured by stories whispered to him of a chance to make some money, To the eastward then he traveled, Nine miles east and six miles southward.

To the lowlands there by Lewisburg. Where the bridges are on Pipe Creek. Where live all the common people, Journeyed Sol Cook and two fellows To invest some surplus money.

In the steel bridge of Pipe Creek. In the one whose place was taken By a large new concrete structure, When he reached his destination, Reached the place where all the iron was.

Forth came only disappointment—Disappointment, rage and cuss words. For while Sol had played AT cribbage Someone else had bought the scrap iron.

Bought the eye beams and the girders. Of the old steel bridge of Pipe Creek.

IT is not that she thinks the difference in price will compensate for the wear and tear in shoe leather that a woman walks three blocks to save two cents on a spool of thread. It's the principle of the thing. She would pay an extra car fare for the same thing.

THE white slave trade seems to have gone into a decline, not for lack of material but shortness of demand at the receiving end. The traffic has been robbed of all its romance.

IT is gratifying to the many friends of Harry D. Johnson, sr., to have indisputable evidence of his continued good health.

A 12-POUND boy is some baby. Believe us.

C. N. F.

IN WHICH HELEN TELLS WARREN THAT SHE IS GOING HOME WITH HER MOTHER.

BY MABEL HERBERT URNER.

"Well, you'll soon be relieved of all that, I think I said this trip might be very good for us both."

An Eternal Quarrel.

"Well, I haven't objected, have I? I'm about as sick of this eternal quarreling and quibbling as you are. I hope the change may have a beneficial effect on your disposition. You made a fine exhibition of yourself on the street last night."

"Warren, how can you say that?" "Well, didn't you? Didn't you jerk away from me and say you weren't going home?"

"I didn't jerk away as you call it. I simply said I wasn't going to be taken home and left there by way of punishment. I'm not a child to be treated like that."

"Well, when I take a walk in the evening it is for exercise and relaxation. And to have you along stirring up an argument or a quarrel is not conducive to either."

Helen looked up in amazement. "Warren, sometimes I think you are the most unjust and untruthful man I have ever known. I don't see how you can distort facts and make some of the statements you do."

"What did I say there? Didn't you do just as I claimed you did?"

"Don't Warren, don't let's discuss it. I am sorry now I brought it up."

"Oh, you admit you brought it up do you?" "You don't usually admit that much."

"It Will Suit Me," He Said.

Helen threw out her hands with a sigh of hopeless weariness.

"What's the use of our ever trying to talk or come to an understanding about anything?"

He pushed back his chair and rose angrily from the table.

"Well, I'll tell you one thing now—you can't go on this visit any too soon to suit me."

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